

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/532,001, filed March 21, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/056,363, filed April 7, 1998, which claims the benefit of provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/043,205, filed April 8, 1997.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 10, Line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, the gene encodes a protein selected from the group consisting of megalin, cubulin, erythropoietin and 1- $\alpha$ -hydroxylase. The concentration of the oligonucleotide useful in this method generally ranges from about 10 nM to about 10 mM.